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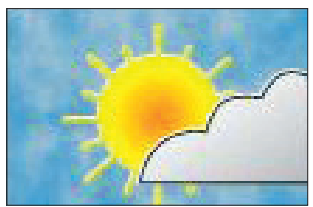
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Everybody's business

APS reminds Texans, Take care of the elderly

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

It's everyone's business. That's the message Adult Protective Services (APS) is trying to drive home with Texans during the month of May, which just happens to be Elder Abuse Prevention Month and Older Americans Month. "APS is reminding Texans that stopping elder abuse is truly everyone's responsibility," said Marleigh Meisner, public information officer with the agency. "No one knows exactly how many older Texans are being abused, neglected, or financially exploited. Many victims are too embarrassed to ask

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KIDS' ZONE

HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

A mixture of volunteers from the community and employees with the city of Big Spring buzz in and about Kids' Zone Wednesday morning, as repairs and renovations at the municipal playground continue. Work on Kids' Zone — which is currently closed to the public — is expected to continue through Tuesday. The facility was damaged in an arson attack in December when the southwest portion of the playground was destroyed by a late-night blaze. While the investigation is ongoing, no arrests have been reported at this time. Coordinators are still seeking skilled volunteers to help with the project. For more information, call 264-2501.



Delays no more

Area students get ready for state academic meet

By **ALEX NEWSOM**
Herald Intern

School is nearly out, but some local students have more than the fast-approaching summer break on their minds. Several students from the surrounding area will be representing their schools Monday and Tuesday at the State University Interscholastic League Academic Meet at the University of Texas in Austin. The contest was originally set for May 7-9, but was delayed due to the recent swine flu outbreak. Students from Big Spring, Fort San, Stanton, Grady and Garden City who medaled at regional UIL competition will be competing in various events from Calculator to Informative Speaking to News Writing. Big Spring High School is sending four students, two of whom placed in more

See **UIL**, Page 3A

Birdwell Lane to close at times near Howard College

Big Spring motorists will have yet another construction area to look out for beginning today, as crews with TEC Excavation Inc. get ready to tear

up part of Birdwell Lane. Water and sewer crews began work on the Howard College Utility Infrastructure project this morning, which

calls for the closure of Birdwell Lane from 11th Place to Kentucky Way. The roadway is expected to be closed intermittently during daylight hours

through the next few weeks, with efforts made to keep the street open at night, according to officials with TEC Excavation.

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WEATHERING THE ROAD WORK

Because of road construction on Scurry Street, the east parking lot at the *Big Spring Herald* is expected to be inaccessible for the next two weeks.

The paper rack at the front of the *Herald* has been relocated to the southwest corner (on Eighth Street) of the building for customer

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New Orleans awarded 2013 Super Bowl

TIM REYNOLDS

AP Sports Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The date of the 2013 Super Bowl remains a mystery. Those who fought to bring the game to New Orleans couldn't care less.

Four years after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans is a Super Bowl city again.

NFL owners voted Tuesday to play what will be the 47th Super Bowl in New Orleans, the first time the championship will be staged there since Katrina shredded parts of the Louisiana Superdome, caused 1,600 deaths and devastated the Gulf Coast.

"We're just thrilled about what's going on," Saints owner Tom Benson said. "We're getting a new Superdome. Now we're going to get a Super Bowl on top of that. It couldn't be any more exciting."

New Orleans beat out Miami, which sought a record 11th Super Bowl, and 2008 host Glendale, Ariz. This is the 10th time New Orleans will be the Super Bowl site and first since 2002.

It was the highlight Tuesday at the NFL spring meetings, where owners discussed many issues, including a longer regular-season schedule (no vote is expected before the conferences close Wednesday), television deals (two-year extensions were reached with Fox and CBS) and an anti-tampering arrangement involving free agents.

"We had a very productive session," commissioner Roger Goodell said.

More productivity will be needed soon: The league plans to open talks on a new collective bargaining agreement next month, with an eye on avoiding a potential lockout that could disrupt the 2011 season.

Jeff Pash, the NFL's executive vice president and general counsel, said Tuesday he believes both the league and new NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith have laid "a good groundwork for these discussions to begin," but stopped them from saying how long they may take.

"We'll stay at it for as long as it takes," Pash said.

See **SUPER**, Page 6B

Willis leads Tigers past Rangers, 4-0

DETROIT (AP) — Dontrelle Willis finally won again after nearly 20 months.

Willis allowed one hit while working into the seventh inning of Detroit's 4-0 win over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night. It was the Tigers' fourth straight win and snapped Texas' seven-game winning streak.

Willis (1-0), making his second start since coming off the disabled list with an anxiety disorder, struck out

five in 6 1-3 innings to win for the first time since Sept. 25, 2007. He allowed two baserunners in the first inning, then retired 17 straight.

"He was tremendous," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "Hopefully we can build on that."

Andruw Jones' walk with one out in the seventh ended Willis' run of retired batters and his outing. Willis left to a loud ovation and four relievers finished the shutout.

"I appreciate it," Willis said of the

cheers. "Now that I feel healthy and strong, I think I can start building some trust out there."

Willis' last win came against the Chicago Cubs when he was still pitching for the Florida Marlins. He began Tuesday's game with a 7.71 ERA but trimmed it to 3.27 by the time he walked off the mound for good.

The 2003 NL Rookie of the Year was acquired by Detroit from Florida in

See **RANGERS**, Page 6B



Coahoma's Joanna Gonzales singles in a Class 2A regional quarterfinals playoff game against Coleman Tuesday in Colorado City. The Bulldogettes won, 1-0.

HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Coahoma advances

Bulldogettes knock out Coleman, 1-0

By BILL NORRIS

Special to the Herald

COLORADO CITY — Apparently nothing is going to come easy for the Coahoma Bulldogettes in the 2009 softball playoffs.

Coahoma pulled out a late 1-0 win over Coleman in the regional quarterfinals round of the Class 2A playoffs Tuesday, getting the Bulldogettes another step closer to their fifth consecutive trip to Austin for the state tournament.

Heather Newton went the distance for the Bulldogettes, striking out 15. However, Coleman's Rynn Norris was her equal on the mound, holding Coahoma to just five hits on the night.

Newton tripled in the game's only run in the top of the sixth after senior Shelbi Paige had reached earlier in the inning on a fielder's choice. Paige came around to score from first.

While glad to get the win, Coahoma knows it could have played better and must do so if Austin is in the plans.

"We are happy to get the win but we know we are going to have to step it up in the next round," Coahoma Head Coach Tracy Tadlock said.

Newton echoed her coach's thoughts when asked about her performance.

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Bryant won't give up, leads Lakers to Game 1 victory

BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — In an inconsistent start to the Western Conference finals, Kobe Bryant won the steady presence the Los Angeles Lakers needed.

He took over in the fourth quarter, finishing with 40 points, including six free throws in the final 30 seconds, to lift Los Angeles to a 105-103 win over the Denver Nuggets in the opener on Tuesday night after the Lakers trailed most of the game.

"Once I sensed we didn't have the energy, I had to take it upon myself to lead by example," he said. "It's just

part of my responsibilities to this team."

He did it even with an injury. Bryant had the right ring finger on his shooting hand taped after the game.

He dislocated it against Cleveland in January and had to have it popped back in place Tuesday.

"He was the scoring opportunity for us," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "We had very little else going on. He muscled his way through."

Pau Gasol added 13 points and 14 rebounds for the Lakers, who were down by seven in the fourth quarter. Gasol's two free throws tied the game for the last time at 99 before Bryant

started his closing streak at the line, offsetting a 3-pointer by Chauncey Billups and a free throw by J.R. Smith.

Carmelo Anthony scored 39 points and Billups added 18 for the Nuggets, who hadn't played since taking care of Dallas in five games last Wednesday.

"There's no moral victories in playoff basketball," Denver coach George Karl said. "The next 48 hours are going to be difficult."

Game 2 is Thursday at Staples Center. The Nuggets have lost 11 consecutive playoff games to the Lakers, including a first-round sweep last season.

Bryant, who was 9 for 9 from the line in the fourth quarter, made two for a 101-99 lead with 30 seconds left. Trevor Ariza stole the inbound pass near midcourt and the Lakers were able to run the clock down to 10 seconds when Bryant made two more free throws.

"He threw the ball and gave me just enough air to go get it," Ariza said of Anthony Carter. "That's all it took."

Billups hit a 3-pointer to get the Nuggets to 103-102 with 5 seconds left, but then Anthony fouled Bryant, who made his final two foul shots.

"They have the best closer in the sport and we didn't do enough," Karl said.

Sports in brief

Upcoming high school softball and baseball playoff dates

Coahoma's baseball and softball teams and Forsan's softball squad are all that remain in the postseason. Here's a look at their upcoming playoff matchups.

Coahoma

• Bulldogs baseball will face the No. 1 team in the state in the regional quarterfinals. Holliday is 20-1 and has been atop the state poll for a majority of the season. Game 1 of the best-of-three is set for 7 p.m. Thursday at Driggers Field in Abilene. Game 2 will be played at the same location at 4 p.m. Friday. A third game, if needed, occurs 30 minutes after.

• Bulldogettes softball advances to face Kermit in the regional semifinals. The Bulldogettes are currently ranked No. 8 in the state. The best-of-three series is taking place at MUGS softball complex in Midland. Game 1 is at 7 p.m. Friday with Game 2 set for 1 p.m. Saturday. A third game, if needed, takes place 30 minutes after Game 2.

Forsan

• Lady Buffs softball meets No. 2 Albany in the regional semifinals. This is the second time in the four-year history of the softball program Forsan has advanced to this stage of the postseason. Game 1 of the best-of-three series with Albany is set for 6 p.m. Friday at Abilene Christian University. Game 2 is at 1 p.m. Saturday with a third game, if needed, taking place 30 minutes after.

Big Spring ISD announces sports skills camps

The Big Spring High School Athletic Department will host a variety of sports skills camps during the summer. Call Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center with any questions at 264-3662.

Softball Skills Camp

Lady Steers Coach John Sparks is hosting a Softball Skills Camp June 1-3 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day at Lady Steer Park. The camp is for girls entering third through eighth grades.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

Steers Baseball Skills Camp

Big Spring Steers Head Coach Burt Otto will host a baseball skills camp beginning June 8 and ending June 11 at Steer Park for first through eighth graders.

Cost is \$25 with an optional T-shirt fee of \$10.

Girls Basketball Skills Camp

Lady Steers Head Coach Mike Warren will lend his skills in teaching a basketball camp for girls entering first through eighth grade June 9-12.

The camp is from 9 a.m. to noon each day at Steer Gym. Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

Football Skills Camp

A skills camp for first through eighth graders interested in football will be held June 15-18 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Athletic Training Center.

Cost is \$25 with an optional T-shirt fee of \$10.

Obituaries

Robert Turner 'Bob' Ballenger



Robert Turner "Bob" Ballenger, 91, of Garden City died Saturday, May 16, 2009, at his ranch. Services were held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 10 a.m. Graveside services were held in Sterling City at the Monteval Cemetery following the services in Midland, with the Rev. Ken McIntosh of First Christian Church of Big

Spring officiating.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Francys Walls; his brother-in-law, Bill Walls; his sister-in-law, Joyce Ballenger; and his nephew, Bill Walls.

Survivors include three daughters, Lynda Ruth Ballenger Glass and husband Larry of Sterling City, Barba Sue Ballenger Keene and husband David of Plano, and Francys Ann Ballenger of Dallas; two brothers, Max Ballenger and wife Jean of Henderson and Dan Ballenger of Kilgore; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Ressie Dempsey Priddy

Ressie Dempsey Priddy, 86, of Henderson, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

CHANGING DATES

The local National Alliance on Mental Illness group meets every two weeks in the basement of the Howard County Library. For dates and times, contact Ramona Blassingane at 263-9748.

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.
Celebrate Recovery, a 12-Step program, meets from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 308 Ay-lford.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Take Note

The Big Spring High School class of 1979 is seeking classmates to attend our 30-year reunion Sept. 18-19. Please contact Debbye Salazar ValVerde at debbyeval@bigspringchamber.com or Cheryl Carter Joy at joycheryl79@hotmail.com with any contact information, be it an e-mail address or physical address.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- SUSIE LEDESMA, 23, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 67, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- RAMONA OLIVAREZ, 28, of 109 Algerita, was arrested Tuesday on seven local warrants and charges of failure to identify and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JORGE GOMEZ, 18, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 63, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- BYRON RICHARD, 22, of 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 28, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- DAVID ARGUELLO, 28, of 1803 State, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.
- JAIIME RENTERIA, 46, of 406 S. Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JUSTEN VOGEL, 35, of 1314 Lexington, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid – enhanced.
- WENDY PARKER, 33, of 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 219, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, of 423 Westover Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON was reported in the 300 block of Fifth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 300 block of Fifth Street.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 600 block of Sixth Street.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE – GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 300 block of Fifth Street.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 300 block of Fifth Street.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT – FIGHTING was reported in the 800 block of Marcy.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the area of Purdue.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported: in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. in the 2500 block of Fairchild.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.
- PETE ANCHONDO, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROY CERVANTES, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRANDY LOPEZ, 30, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and no safety belt.
- WENDY PARKER, 33, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JAMIE RENTERIA, 46, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- BYRON TYRONE RICHARD, 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- WILLIAM SAINT-GIRARD THOM, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a local warrant.
- JUSTEN TEI VOGEL, 35, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Hunter. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

Your Local Weather

Thu 5/21	Fri 5/22	Sat 5/23
84/59	81/60	79/58
Partly cloudy. High 84F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

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Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Lottery

There has been a rollover in the grand prize for the multistate Mega Millions lottery — to \$16 million.

The rollover occurred because no player matched all the winning numbers from Tuesday night's \$12 million drawing.

The next Mega Millions drawing will be Friday night.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: two, four, nine, 15, and 42. The Mega Ball number was 13.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

4 - 12 - 18 - 20 - 24

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

6 - 8 - 2 - 2. Sum It Up: 18

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

3 - 7 - 0. Sum It Up: 10

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Texas Legislature

CONCEALED WEAPONS

AUSTIN (AP) — Concealed handgun license holders could carry weapons into Texas public college classrooms and dorms under a bill given preliminary approval Tuesday by the state Senate.

Supporters say the bill reinforces the constitutional right to bear arms and could prevent mass murders such as the 2007 shootings at Virginia Tech.

Opponents say it would make campuses more dangerous — adding the potential for typical college disputes over grades, romances and fraternity rivalries to become deadly — and also could lead to more suicides.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said similar dire warnings were made in 1995 when Texas passed its concealed weapons law.

“Opponents predicted it would be the wild, wild west; there would be blood on the streets,” Wentworth said. “None of that has happened.”

The bill still faces significant hurdles to become law before the June 1 end of the legislative session.

It still needs a final Senate vote — which could come as early as Wednesday — before it goes to the House.

SMOKING BAN SNUFFED

Supporters of a proposed statewide ban on smoking in most indoor public places, including bars and restaurants, have given up for this legislative

session and declared the issue dead Tuesday.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, author of the Senate version of the ban, said he doesn't have the votes to get it passed before the June 1 end of the session.

“I'll have to go back to the smoke-filled rooms to work on it,” for the 2011 session, Ellis said. “We put up a good fight.”

Supporters of the measure, including the Lance Armstrong Foundation and the American Cancer Society and multiple medical groups, had argued that a ban is needed to protect public health.

But the ban ran into strong opposition from civil libertarians and business owners.

SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Attention Texas shoppers: There's a sales tax holiday this weekend on energy efficient appliances.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth, joined the Texas Retailers Association and the Sierra Club at a Capitol news conference Tuesday to remind the public of the sales tax holiday on Memorial Day weekend, from Saturday through Monday.

The two legislators worked to pass the law during the 2007 legislative session. The law cancels sales tax for the three-day weekend on clothes washers, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, energy efficient light bulbs, programmable thermostats, refrigerators up to \$2,000 and air conditioners up to \$6,000.

Meisner said the perpetrators are often family members — ranging from adult children to spouses and grandchildren — and one of the the keys to preventing these crimes is education.

“This marks the fourth year of APS' It's Everyone's Business campaign,” said Meisner. “It's a statewide effort to educate Texans about the pervasive problem of abuse, neglect and exploitation of the elderly and adults with disabilities, and to encourage citizens to get involved in making a positive difference.

“Throughout May, APS employees across Texas will distribute brochures and information kits, as well as participate in conferences, information fairs, and ceremonies honoring those who work on behalf of vulnerable adults.”

According to Karl Urban, APS assistant commissioner, there are plenty of signs to watch for, the most common being isolation.

“Everyone needs to be diligent to ensure vulnerable adults are free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation,” said Karl Urban, APS assistant commissioner. “Isolation places vulnerable adults at risk. That's why elder abuse prevention is everyone's business.”

According to Meisner, Texas has more than 2.3 million residents 65 or older. Nearly one out of five people have a disability, and almost half of those older than 65 have a disability.

“In 2008, APS completed 68,683 investigations of abuse, neglect or exploitation involving adults living at home,” she added. “Of these, more than 48,380 were confirmed. As a comparison, in 2007 APS completed 64,459 investigations and confirmed in 45,934 cases. In the last decade, the number of in-home cases investigated by APS has more than doubled.

“The message is simple but important. If you believe an elderly person is being abused, neglected, or exploited, report it by calling 1-800-252-5400. For more information about preventing elder abuse, and to download public awareness materials, visit EveryonesBusiness.org.”

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

ELDERLY

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for help, and their suffering can be shrouded by secrecy.

“As our population ages, statistics show the problem is a growing concern, and nationwide studies estimate that three to five million seniors age 65 and older have experienced abuse, with only one in five cases reported. In 2008, Texas APS, a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), completed almost 70,000 investigations of abuse, neglect or exploitation involving adults living at home. Of those, more than 48,000 cases were confirmed, with most cases including physical or medical neglect.”

trump trick for sure, and if he failed to take the heart finesse in the right direction, he would also lose a heart trick.

But South can assure the slam if he goes about the play in the proper manner. There is no need for him to have to guess where the queen of hearts is located. If he plays his cards correctly, he can force the opponents to solve the problem in the heart suit for him.

He wins the diamond lead with the ace and takes his first step in the right direction by ruffing a diamond. He then leads a club to the ace and trumps a club.

The effect of these plays is that all the diamonds and clubs are eliminated from the North-South hands. Declarer now leads a trump.

Regardless of which opponent wins with the ace, South has the rest of the tricks. In the actual case, East wins and is forced to make a losing return. If he leads a heart, he eliminates the guess for the queen, while if he leads a minor suit, declarer can ruff in his hand and discard a heart from dummy. Note that the outcome would be exactly the same if West had the ace of spades.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

There's Nothing at All to It

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 8 7 6 4 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 4
♣ A 3

WEST
♠ —
♥ Q 7 3
♦ K Q J 9 5 2
♣ 9 8 6 2

EAST
♠ A
♥ 6 4
♦ 10 8 6 3
♣ K Q J 10 7 5

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 9 5 3
♥ A 10 9 8 2
♦ 7
♣ 4

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♦ 4 ♠
5 ♦ 5 ♥ 6 ♦ 6 ♠

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Some of the so-called advanced plays in bridge are not really very difficult to execute. For example, take the elimination play, illustrated by this deal.

Without the aid of the elimination play — also often referred to as an endplay — South might easily go down at six spades. He would lose a

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than one event, to compete in the Class 4A competition. James Bowen placed first in News Writing and second in both Editorial Writing and Feature Writing. Kade Parker placed first in Number Sense and third in Mathematics. Jessica Rubio placed first in Informative Speaking, and Lacy McMurtrey placed second in Ready Writing.

Six students will be representing Garden City at the Class 1A state meet in four individual competitions and three team competitions. The Number Sense team, consisting of Michael Clarke, Brooke Halfmann, Hayden Halfmann and Jake Schwartz, as well as the Computer Science team — Clarke, Kate Halfmann, Adriana Ramirez and Schwartz — both placed second at regionals to qualify for state.

The Mathematics team — Clarke, Brooke Halfmann, Hayden Halfmann and Schwartz — took the gold at regionals. Individually, Clarke and Ramirez brought in two more gold medals in Calculator and News Writing, respectively. Ramirez, the other individual competitor, took

second in Computer Application.

Another local state qualifier is Amanda Longorio of Forsan High School who placed third in Calculator in Class 1A. Caleb Ramsey placed second in Ready Writing and will represent Stanton in Class 2A at the state competition. Two Grady students, Eva Dyck and Max Kennady, will compete in three different events. Dyck placed first in Editorial Writing and second in News Writing while Kennady placed third in Social Studies.

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OUR VIEW

Our community has made Relay another success

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, we can't help but once again tell all of you in Howard and Glasscock counties that you've again proven that nothing is impossible. That's because the Howard-Glasscock chapter of the American Cancer Society, the weather and hundreds of walkers and volunteers combined to make the 2009 Relay For Life one to always be remembered in Big Spring.

That's right, despite the event having been shortened to less than three hours as a result of thunderstorms that rolled through the area Friday night, Relay officials announced that this year's event had grossed \$205,000, eclipsing the \$191,000 that was a record a year ago.

The money raised by the Relay For Life goes directly to the American Cancer Society.

It comes back to Howard and Glasscock counties in the form of services, education and treatment for local residents.

As always, it will be awhile before the total dollar amounts — gross and net — are known. Organizers will make that known in a wrap up meeting scheduled for June 4.

Where does Relay For Life go from here? How do you top such success — generating record donations in such a short time?

Who knows.

One thing seems for certain, however. All of you in Howard and Glasscock counties who continue to help make Relay For Life a success need to go ahead and take a bow.

You've all earned it.

Perhaps nobody can put it better than event co-chair Angela Kennedy.

The event's secret to success was simple, she said, "We had great people working for us."

Indeed.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

The answer to a problem, Lord, is at Your fingertips.

Amen

Remember, don't be shy

There have been many times in my life when I've allowed shyness to hold me back. There were the boys in school that I longed to be friends with, but I would never dare make eye contact with them. There was the part in the school play I would have loved to have auditioned for, but I didn't. There were the questions the teacher asked I could have answered, but I never raised my hand.

It doesn't matter how you define it, shyness is rooted in fear. Fear of rejection, humiliation, loss or failure incites shyness — or perhaps I could say — insecurity.

It's no different than when we allow ourselves to become introverted, sheepish, timid and guarded after a relationship ends badly or unexpectedly. If it was a bad experience, we may be questioning our judgment and doubting our ability to make a better choice in the future. If death ended a relationship, we may be afraid we will face loss and grief again. Either way, the result is probably the same — shyness that results in being cowardly, wary and alone.

The problem with being shy is that the impact is far-reaching. We are not the only one who loses or is hurt.

Not long ago I read an article about a basketball coach who explained how hesitation and timidity leads to passing the ball. He said, "If a player has an open shot that she can make, and she decides to pass instead, that player is being selfish and hurting the team." Fear of

failure sheltered this basketball player from her likely success, the coach further explained, and could have cost her team the game win.

Indeed, other people need you. They need your intelligence, insight, skills, talents and help. Hiding behind shyness, you limit the benefit you can be to others.

Shyness almost always leads to assumptions and assumptions are almost always wrong. This is especially true when we believe that the other person will not like us or will not be interested in what we have to say. Our fear will intimidate us into missing an opportunity to make a new friend. The fact is other people may have the same fears and inhibitions we do.

I've often been inspired by the story of Ruth in the Bible. Ruth was described as a warmhearted and unselfish woman who trusted and loved her mother-in-law very much. After Ruth's husband passed away suddenly, Ruth traveled with her mother-in-law back to her homeland.

This was a more gracious act by Ruth than it might sound. Her mother-in-law, Naomi, was not only a widow, but all of her sons had died as well. She would have been traveling alone to her homeland if Ruth had not returned with her. Plus, Ruth had to be courageous to go to an unfamiliar land and be around people she had never met before — especially during a time when she was facing her own grief and uncertainty as a young widow.

I love the fact that Ruth was willing to embrace a new experience. She didn't over-think or speculate about her future. She didn't wallow in her doubts. And even though she had no certainty of what would happen next in her life, she moved forward.

Ruth and Naomi arrived at their destination. Among strangers in a strange land, Ruth could have been apprehensive, anxious, nervous and cautious, but she wasn't. She boldly took initiative to gather food in nearby fields. She even, without hesitation, asked one of the women gleaning grain near her for the name of the man who spoke kindly as he went by. It turns out the man, Boaz, was the owner of the field.

And I bet you can guess the happy ending to this story. Ruth and Boaz soon married and Ruth's mother-in-law lived with them and helped care for the son they eventually had. Their son, by the way, would become the grandfather to the famous King David.

Sometimes a shy person will say self-consciousness keeps them quiet. But I would say — what self are you being conscious of?

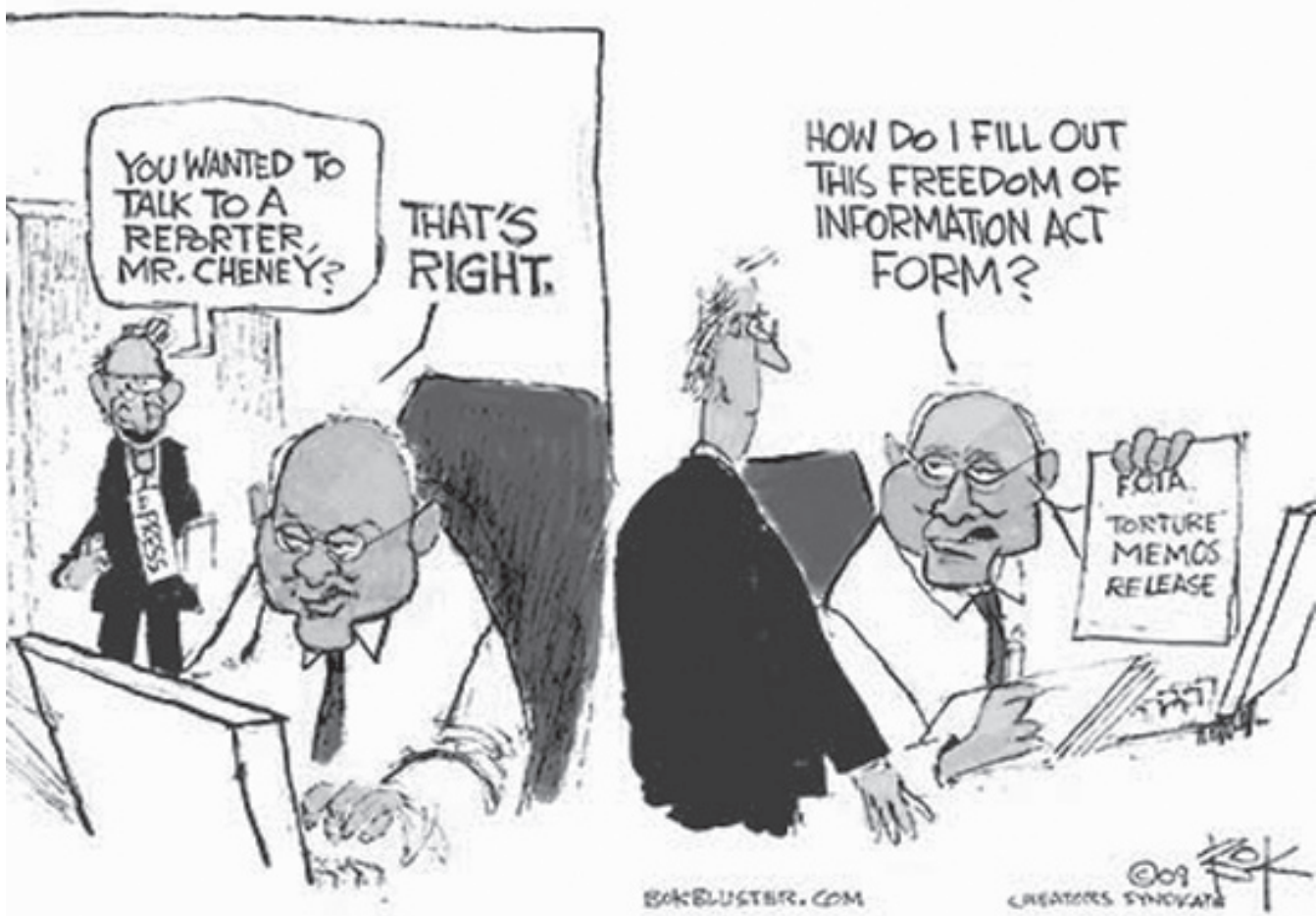
You are the man and woman of God's creating — made in His image. Your innate nature includes the qualities of poise, confidence, strength, courage, compassion, love. Be true to yourself, my friends. Happiness is found in being who God made you to be.

You can do it. Your thinking is your most powerful weapon. Use it. Follow your heart.

Don't hide your light and love. Be the spiritual self that God intended.

Don't be shy. Be yourself — freely, unconditionally and fearlessly. You'll be much happier if you do.

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The Speaker is speaking lots

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is now claiming that intelligence officials misled her about the use of waterboarding when she was briefed in 2002. Previously, it was reported that she, as the ranking Democrat on the Intelligence Committee at the time, had been told about waterboarding as an interrogation technique and had raised no objections to it — a claim that obviously called into question the speaker's support for a "truth commission" to find out who (else) took that position.

"We were told that they had legal opinions that it was legal and were not told about other legal opinions to the contrary," Pelosi told reporters this week, describing the briefing. "We were told specifically that waterboarding was not being used."

Pelosi claimed that she learned about CIA waterboarding later from other members of Congress.

"I wasn't briefed. I was informed that somebody else had

been briefed about it," she said.

I'm not sure I would have asked to see the opposing legal opinions if I'd been told about waterboarding in 2002, and I teach this stuff.

Like most Americans, I was still sufficiently shell-shocked and terrified in 2002 that if you caught me on a day I had to fly, I probably would have nodded encouragingly upon hearing of enhanced interrogation, and encouraged whoever was telling me about it to let the frontline folks do whatever they needed to do to protect our children.

And I'm not embarrassed to admit it, even though, seven years later, I think President Obama rightly banned torture.

For an intelligence official to mislead a senior — or any — member of Congress in a briefing on critical issues of national security is a very serious charge.

If substantiated, I expect it would and should be grounds for dismissal of that individual, as well as any others who heard what was said or knew what was done and remained silent.

It seems to me that the charges Pelosi has now leveled against the CIA are far more serious than those aimed at Pelosi herself.

In choosing this route to

defend herself, Pelosi has also dramatically increased her own vulnerability.

Most people could forgive Pelosi for feeling as so many of us did in 2002. We were a terrified nation. Who was ready to say stop when doing so might bring down another airplane or building? Reasonable people can and do disagree as to what counts as "torture" and when coercion becomes unproductive, as well as unjustifiable. Claims that waterboarding, in fact, produced useful information need to be examined to determine whether that information could also have been secured by other means.

But there's nothing to agree or disagree about when it comes to intelligence officials misleading Congress. Pelosi didn't say she might've misunderstood. She isn't saying things have changed. As I understand it, she is claiming that intelligence officials lied to her. That needs to be investigated. If Pelosi was misled, those responsible should step aside. If she wasn't — if she is pointing at others to avoid taking responsibility for herself — then she will face loud calls to do so herself.

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The sun bursts into Gemini, beginning a cycle of communication, the sharing of bright ideas and the dawning of new trends. The emphasis changes. Yesterday, you were taking care of business, and today, you're getting down to fun. You'll learn through socializing and you'll also further work-related interests in leisurely venues.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's hard to think straight when you've got 10 things going on at once. You might spill a secret without meaning to or make a silly logistical mistake. So calm down and leave a few of those tasks for later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The very task you've been putting off all week will now have tremendous appeal. Maybe you just want to get it over with, or maybe it seems like suddenly a lot of fun. Either way, you'll get it off your plate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Sharing is caring, and so is not sharing. There isn't a cut and dried answer for how much you should give now because you are likely experiencing your own personal deficit for attention. Take care of yourself first.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may feel yourself blending into the background, and that's

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

not a bad place to be. Put on your cloak of invisibility and observe the dynamics of your surroundings. New opportunities will become apparent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Someone else may be more adept at networking or have a nepotistic edge, but you still have the advantage of having worked hard at what you do. In the end, the one who put in the most man-hours will succeed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Even if you're not exactly thrilled with your current position, you're happy to do the best job you can. Once you put in your hours, you get to go home and do whatever you want — what could be better?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are feeling playful and what's even better, you effortlessly engage others in your game. You can handle lots of attention today, so let the good energy fly. This is definitely a case of more being merrier.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What is spiritual beauty? You'll be irresistibly drawn to someone who perhaps doesn't fall into your usual pattern of attraction and this feels like a soul connection indeed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you could give everyone on the planet a great big hug today, you would. One person at a time will do some good in the world, too. When you're not sure how much affection to show, err on the side of generosity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your imagination is going strong. You probably won't be dreaming up new twists for the novel you'll someday write, but when it comes to romance, you've a plethora of fantastic ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Pursue a mystery. A baffling situation will be delightfully absorbing for you. Solving a puzzle

brings on a rush of satisfied feelings. Stress and the so-called real world will fade away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have work to do, and there's no time to spare. Time wasters are tempting. In order to stay the course, you might have to turn off your Internet access or not answer the phone for a Chatty Kathy.

YOUR ASTROLOGICAL GUIDE TO LIGHTENING UP: Whether you're singing the blues, riding out an economy-induced funk or skating along in a pleasantly mild-mannered mood, it's a time of year when everyone — even happy people — could use a bump up to the next level of good cheer. Here's how your sun sign can get happy! **PART ONE: ARIES:** Move it! Your sign needs exercise almost as much as it needs air. You'll leap to your bliss while huffing, puffing and patting your brow. And the best part is, your post-workout high lasts you a solid 24 hours. **TAURUS:** Shop. You are stimulated by lovely displays and innovative new items presented in pretty environments. Note: Shopping does not mean buying. The act of looking around at what's available is uplifting in and of itself. **GEMINI:** Joke around. As the sign of communication, you delight in lighthearted exchanges. You are lifted by clever wordplay. Pet names and social silliness make you feel intimately connected to your people. **CANCER:** Share and care. Doing for other people is what ignites the fire in your heart. Naturally nurturing, you thrill to a mission that involves making others smile.

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We are traumatized by the word 'marriage'

Dear Annie: I'm 27 years old and have been dating the handsome love of my life off and on since high school. Our relationship has always been based on friendship. It was love at a distance, mainly because I am a Christian and had my boundaries. When he was dating others, it never bothered me because we weren't intimate.

With all the uncertainties of life, both of us are traumatized by the word "marriage." He has his reasons and I have mine. I love him so much and want to spend my entire life with him. I want to be his wife and the mother of his children, but am somehow afraid of the disappointments that could happen, even though he has never given me a reason to feel this way. He knows I love him, and he loves me, but the commitment terrifies me. What should we do? -- Ready to Love

Dear Ready: Marriage is a leap of faith. You make the choice to believe things will work out for the best, and you accept that there are no guarantees. If you wait until you are absolutely certain that you will never be disappointed, you will remain paralyzed and do nothing. Of course, as long as the two of you are equally fearful, there's no reason to push in one direction or the other. As soon as one of you is ready to commit, the other must be willing. Otherwise, let him go.

Dear Annie: I'm an 18-year-old high-school student. Three years ago, I confided in my mom that my grandfather molested me. It was hard for me to tell her, but I couldn't hold it inside any longer. She told my great-grandmother and together they confronted Grandpa, who admitted



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everything. We haven't pressed charges or told my grandmother, brothers or dad. Plus, my grandfather still acts like nothing happened between us.

I think my other family members need to know the truth, and I really want to tell them, but then feel ashamed and keep silent. Sometimes I just want to end it all. Can you help, please? -- Unhappy Granddaughter

Dear Unhappy: If there are other young girls in the family, they must have this information so they can be protected. Silence protects Grandpa. You did the right thing coming forward, but disclosing the abuse is only the first step. Contact RAINN (rainn.org) at 1-800-656-HOPE (1-800-656-4673) and ask for help.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Steamed," who was upset with her husband's friends for not spending enough time with them on a vacation. Thanks for pointing out that the guests may not have wanted to burden their hosts by expecting to be entertained every day. I wish those

people were my friends.

We own a vacation home, and often invite family members to visit and include them on our excursions. However, I would love it if these relatives would take some time on their own to explore, giving my husband and me a little break. It's not that we don't love the family, but it can be tiring to constantly be around others.

It sounds like these two couples might have done a better job communicating their expectations. I have made suggestions to our relatives to "take the grandkids to the park," but they say, "Oh, let's all stay together." There's another possibility, too. Maybe, after spending several hours together, the writer or her husband behaved in such a way that the guests didn't want to be around them. Did they drink too much? Complain a lot? Not care to go anywhere the guests wanted? There are lots of reasons. -- NFPS

Dear NFPS: There's no way to know whether the visiting couple was attempting to be considerate or if there was some level of incompatibility, but thanks for pointing out the range of possibilities.

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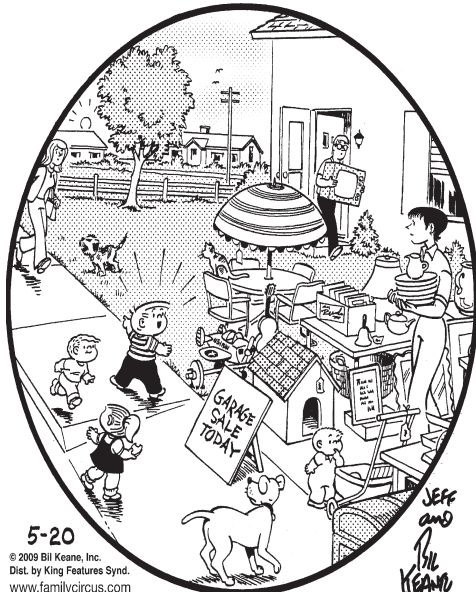
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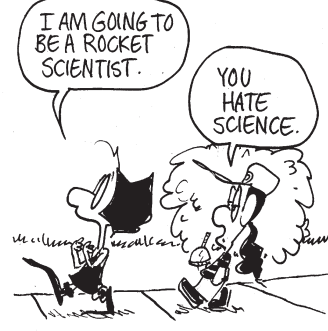
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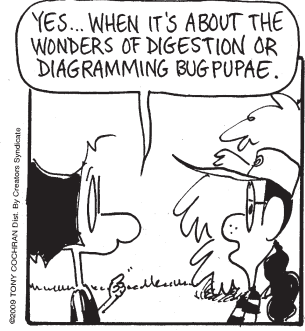


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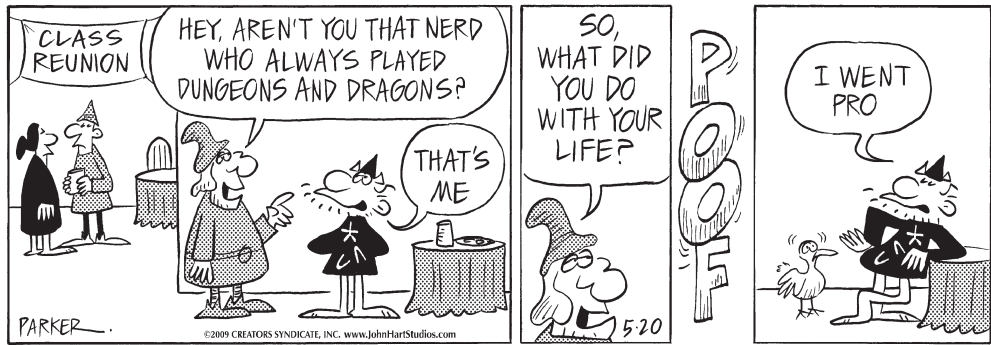
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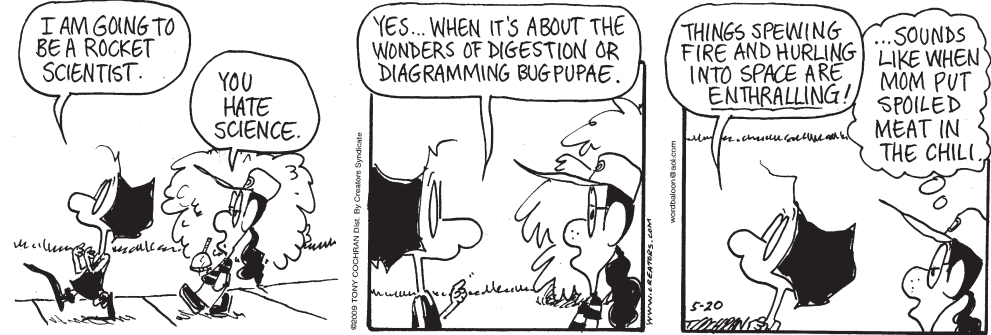
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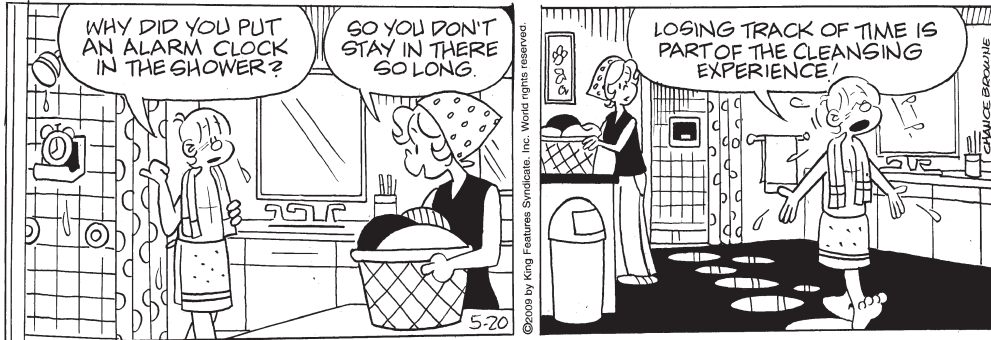
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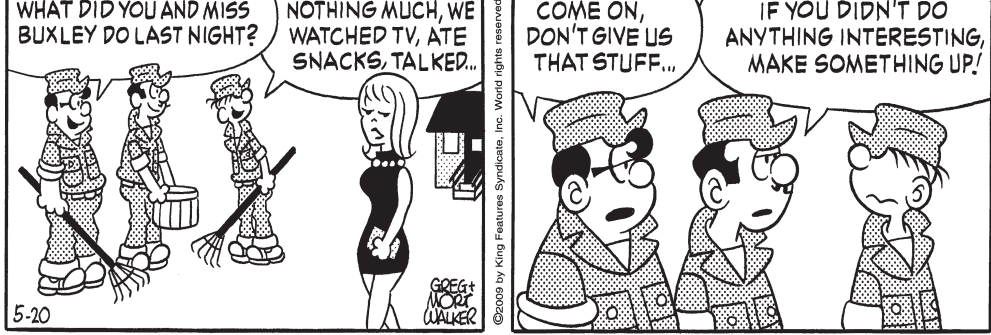
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 20, the 140th day of 2009. There are 225 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 20, 1939, regular trans-Atlantic mail service began as a Pan American Airways plane, the Yankee Clipper, took off from Port Washington, N.Y., bound for Marseille, France.

On this date:

In 1506, explorer Christopher Columbus died in Spain.

In 1861, North Carolina voted to secede from the Union.

In 1902, the United States ended a three-year military presence in Cuba as the Republic of Cuba was established under its first elected president, Tomas Estrada Palma.

In 1908, actor James Stewart was born in Indiana, Pa.

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from New York's Roosevelt Field in Long Island aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight to France.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. (Because of weather and equipment problems, Earhart set down in Northern Ireland instead of her intended destination, France.)

In 1959, nearly 5,000 Japanese-Americans had their citizenship restored after renouncing it during World War II.

In 1961, a white mob attacked a busload of Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Ala., prompting the federal government to send in U.S. marshals to restore order.

In 1969, U.S. and South Vietnamese forces captured Ap Bia Mountain, referred to as "Hamburger Hill" by the Americans, following one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War.

In 1989, comedian Gilda Radner died in Los Angeles at age 42.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-author James McEachin is 79. Actor Anthony Zerbe is 73. Actor David Proval is 67. Singer Joe Cocker is 65. Singer-actress Cher is 63. Actor-comedian Dave Thomas is 60. Musician

Warren Cann is 57. New York Gov. David Paterson is 55. Actor Dean Butler is 53. Ron Reagan is 51. Rock musician Jane Wiedlin (The Go-Go's) is 51. Actor Bronson Pinchot is 50. Singer Susan Cowsill is 50. Actor John Billingsley is 49. Actor Tony Goldwyn is 49. Singer Nick Heyward is 48. TV personality Ted Allen is 44. Actress Mindy Cohn is 43. Rock musician Tom Gorman (Belly) is 43. Actress Gina Ravera is 43. Actor Timothy Olyphant is 41. Rapper Busta Rhymes is 37. Rock musician Ryan Martinie is 34. Actor Matt Czuchy is 32. Actress Angela Goethals is 32. San Diego Chargers special teams ace Kassim Osgood is 29.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Breakfast side dish
- 5 Something of value
- 10 Strike with open hand
- 14 Choir range
- 15 Recipe instruction
- 16 Legal beneficiary
- 17 Part of a process
- 18 Greek island
- 19 Cobbled together
- 20 Afternoon social
- 21 Go-getter's motto
- 23 City in France
- 25 "___ Yankee Doodle dandy"
- 26 Tease
- 27 Lasting forever
- 32 Pined
- 34 Potato products
- 35 Overwhelming admiration
- 36 Barber-floor stuff
- 37 Sheen
- 38 Boxing wins, for short
- 39 Miscalculate
- 40 Parts of speech
- 41 Oil and coal
- 42 Cash for impulse spending
- 44 Prefix for legal
- 45 Scoundrel
- 46 Metal-cutting tool
- 49 Recipe ingredient
- 54 Reason for overtime
- 55 Locale

DOWN

- 1 Must
- 2 Raise a hem, perhaps
- 3 Make a diamond theft
- 4 Move like a kangaroo
- 5 Rising movement
- 6 Delhi dresses
- 7 ___ Canal (Mideast shortcut)
- 8 Feminine suffix
- 9 Golf-course listing
- 10 Dab of cream cheese
- 11 Starring role
- 12 Elton John rock musical
- 13 The chased
- 21 Uttered
- 22 Medical orgs.
- 24 Washstand pitcher
- 27 Literary device
- 28 Young lady
- 29 Voice one's opinion
- 30 GI offense
- 31 Minus
- 32 Sound for attention
- 33 Italian "darling"
- 34 Chimney part
- 37 Venetian boats
- 38 Ankara inhabitant
- 40 Biblical boat builder
- 41 Datum
- 43 Arizona Senator
- 44 Meager
- 46 Fog relatives
- 47 Was under the weather
- 48 Calendar rows
- 49 "Que ___?"
- 50 Part of the eye
- 51 Monst's loch
- 52 Name for a French poodle
- 53 Concorde: Abbr.
- 57 Squeezing snake

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Kid-themed amusement parks offer a lot of fun at an affordable price. These midway of retro rides are also a source of fond memories for parents. Plus, invention convention and double chocolate oatmeal cookies.

American Profile

The library will close at 3 p.m. Friday for the Memorial holiday and will reopen Tuesday. Beginning May 22, the library will be closed Saturdays.

Registration for Summer Reading Program continues. Donna has planned lots of neat crafts, speakers, projects and other fun things for young readers to enjoy. As usual, SRP is located in the basement children's room each Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. during June. Registration ends May 31.

Donna Andrews has a quirky mystery series that seems to revolve around birds. Her newest mystery is "Cockatiels at Seven" (M AND D) and seems to involve bird smuggling, disappearance of her friend Karen and blackmail. The library also has "We'll Always Have Parrots," "The Penguin Who Knew Too Much" and "Six Geese-a-Laying." Just a little light reading for summer by the pool.

"The Power of One" (F COU B) by Bryce Courtenay is the story of a lonely English schoolboy who comes of age in South Africa during the 1940s. Reviews are spotty, one reads

that it is "episodic and bursting with incident" while another writes "Ideals must be back, for Courtenay's first novel is a fast-paced book with an old-fashioned, clean-cut hero, easily identifiable villains, no sex, and saint-like sidekicks. All done in sturdy, workmanlike prose." Do check it out; it may strike your fancy.

While not new, Rebecca Wells' "Little Altars Everywhere" (F WEL R) starts out as simple collection of short stories ("Looking for My Mules," with Shep, Viviane and an old man lost on their farm), Rebecca Wells' tales of growing up in Louisiana in a less than perfect home grew first into "Little Altars Everywhere," then into the "Divine Secrets" book and movie. Each chapter contains a well-crafted short story, told from the viewpoint of different characters. Each chapter offers a title with the name of the narrator and year they are talking in. In some cases, the titles are enough to draw you in. This review is from Amazon.Com.

It may be a little late to squeeze into that spiffy swimsuit, (you know, your *weight*) so try this diet book that works on your serotonin. What, you ask, is serotonin? It is a stress hormone that can get out of whack. The *Feel Good Diet*, (613.25 HAR C) written by Dr. Cheryl B. Hart, might work for you.

When looking for

favorite authors, do take time to look in the Large Print section. Many times we have some titles that do not appear in the regular print. New Large Print titles now on the shelves are: Mary Balough's "At Last Comes Love" (LP F BAL M) — a romance set among the aristocracy in England probably in the 1830s; "Mr. and Miss Anonymous," by Fern Michaels (F LP MIC F); "Loitering with Intent," (LP M WOO S) a Stone Barrington novel from Stuart Woods; John Sandford's "Wicked Prey" (LP M SAN J); and Book 5 in the Lakeshore Chronicles by Susan Wiggs comes "Fireside" (LP F WIG S)

It is hard to believe that it has been 10 years since the Columbine shootings in Colorado. Anniversaries like that usually prompt books to be written; one has crossed my desk. It is simply titled "Columbine" (378.788 CUL D) by Dave Cullen. "In this remarkable account of the April 20, 1999, Columbine High School shooting, journalist Cullen not only dispels several of the prevailing myths about the event but tackles the hardest question of all: why did it happen?"

Drawing on extensive interviews, police reports and his own reporting, Cullen meticulously pieces together what happened when 18-year-old Eric Harris and 17-year-old Dylan Klebold killed 13 people before turning their guns on themselves."

— This review is from Publisher's Weekly.

When Joe Torre took over as manager of the New York Yankees in 1996, the most storied franchise in sports had not won a World Series title in 18 years.

The famously tough and mercurial owner, George Steinbrenner, had fired 17 managers during that span. Torre's appointment was greeted with Bronx cheers from the notoriously brutal New York media, who cited his record as the player and manager who had been in the most Major League games without appearing in a World Series. Twelve tumultuous and triumphant years later, Torre left the team as the most beloved and successful manager in the game. In an era of multimillionaire free agents, fractured clubhouse, revenue-sharing, and off-the-field scandals, Torre forged a team ethos that united his players and made the Yankees, once again, the greatest team in sports. He won over the media with his honesty and class, and was beloved by the fans. This story is told in "The Yankee Years" (B TOR J). This description is taken from the book flap.

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COAHOMA

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"I was not happy with my performance," she said. "I could have let my team down and blew the game, but fortunately I did not."
The Bulldogettes had their chances, leaving runners in scoring position in the fourth and fifth inning. They

finally broke through in the sixth. With one out in the sixth, Joanna Gonzalez laced a single to left. Paige followed with a hot shot to third that bounced off the Coleman third baseman and right to shortstop Jessica Morales, who fired to second to get the force for the second out.
Newton came up and sent a 3-1 pitch down the right field line, scoring Paige from first for the only run of the game. A walk put runners on the

corners, but left fielder Erin Strickland made an over the shoulder catch on a Jennifer Castiliaw drive to end the inning.
Coleman did not go down easily. Eden Duquette singled to lead off the seventh. Cheyenne Turner sacrificed her to second and a wild pitch put her at third with one out.
Newton bore down, though, striking out Ashley Grissom and getting Sarah Slayton to ground out to Paige

at short to end the game.
Coleman ends its season with a 20-8 record. Coahoma improved to 27-11 and will face Kermit in the next round in a best-of-three series. Game 1 is at 7 p.m. Friday in Midland. Game 2 is at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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Heather Newton and Berkley Iden. Rynn Norris and Carissa Zarate. W - Newton. L - Norris. 3B: Coa - Newton. RBI: Coa - Newton.

SUPER

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NFL owners opted out of the CBA last year, meaning there could be a labor-related stoppage if a new deal isn't struck for the 2011 season. Combined with the global economic downturn and the chance of a longer NFL schedule, it's possible talks between the league and union could be, at best, contentious.
"The right place to start is a place where the players understand why

the owners opted out," Smith said. "We all know that the players didn't opt out of this deal. We do know the NFL generated in excess of \$8 billion last year. We know that the average team has grown by 400 percent in 10 years. ... What we don't understand is what is wrong with the current deal when those facts exist."
The plan for extending the regular season to 17 or 18 games would likely cut the preseason schedule to two contests, with the season starting in its typical slot just after Labor Day in September.
Smith, who met briefly with owners Tuesday, said players need to be

aware of what's at stake for additional games.
"The players understand the cost to their bodies," he said. "The players understand how tough it is to get through a regular season. They understand how hard it is to try to stand up on a Monday morning. They understand why they need a day off on Tuesday. Their families understand when they get out of football and they have arthritis before they're 40. They understand the cost."
Because no one knows how long the 2012 schedule will be, there's no firm date yet for the New Orleans Super Bowl — other than, it'll happen some-

time in February.
So New Orleans' Super Bowl future, minus the timing issue, is now clear.
Michael Vick's future remains anything but.
The NFL meetings began as the former Atlanta Falcons star was about to leave federal prison for the final phase of his 23-month sentence related to dogfighting. Goodell said he has not determined any reinstatement process for Vick.
This much is certain: Vick will need not only to say he's sorry, but convince Goodell he means those words if there's any chance his indefinite suspension will be lifted.

RANGERS

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a blockbuster deal that also landed slugger Miguel Cabrera. But Willis was a mess last season, with a 9.38 ERA in only 24 innings. He missed most of the season with a right knee injury and battled control problems when he was on the mound.
"I think he's in the process of working himself back," Leyland added. "We're going to take our time with it and let it develop."

Brandon McCarthy (3-2) allowed four runs and nine hits in the first seven innings and lost for the second time in as many decisions.
The Rangers never could seem to figure out Willis. Michael Young doubled in the first but the rest of the balls Texas lifted out of the infield were easy pickings for Detroit's outfielders.
"He threw the ball well," Rangers infielder Ian Kinsler said of Willis. "You never want to downplay it when somebody does that. He threw the ball well after all he's been through. He did a great job."
Detroit scored once in each of the

first three innings on sacrifice flies by Jeff Larish and Gerald Laird and a Placido Polanco single. The fourth came on Miguel Cabrera's RBI double in the seventh.
The Tigers' pitching staff picked up its sixth shutout a season after posting just two.<
The loss was the ninth straight at Comerica Park for the Rangers, whom the Tigers swept April 10-12 in their first home series of the season. Detroit, which swept Oakland over the weekend, reached the 10-hit plateau for the fourth time in as many games.
Notes: The shutout loss was Texas'

first in Detroit since Aug. 30, 1999. ... Rangers All-Star CF Josh Hamilton missed the game to rest the sore right groin muscle he irritated Sunday. He and manager Ron Washington said the ailment wasn't serious. ... Tigers OF Wilkin Ramirez, who shares the International League stolen bases lead (14), will make his major-league debut Wednesday as the designated hitter, manager Jim Leyland said. Ramirez was recalled from Triple-A Toledo early Tuesday to replace Magglio Ordonez (bereavement list). ... Joyce Stearnes Thompson, daughter of Hall of Famer Norman "Turkey" Stearnes, sang the national anthem.

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Authorities nationwide on lookout for mom, son refusing chemo

NEW ULM, Minn. (AP) — Authorities nationwide are on the lookout for a mother and her 13-year-old son who have been refusing the chemotherapy that doctors say could save the boy's life.

Colleen Hauser and her son, Daniel, who has Hodgkin's lymphoma, apparently left their southern Minnesota home sometime after a Monday doctor's appointment and X-ray showed his tumor had grown.

Brown County District Judge John Rodenberg issued an arrest warrant Tuesday for Colleen Hauser and ruled her in contempt of court. Rodenberg also ordered that Daniel be placed in foster care and immediately evaluated by a cancer specialist for treatment.

The boy's father, Anthony Hauser, testified he didn't know where his wife and son were but has made no attempt to find them. He testified he last saw his son Monday morning, and he saw his wife only briefly that evening when she said she was leaving "for a time."

Officials distributed the arrest warrant nationwide and issued a crime alert to businesses around the country, Brown County Sheriff Rich Hoffman said. He said investigators were following some leads locally, but declined to elaborate.

Administration considers new commission to regulate financial products

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration, trying to crack down on abuses exposed by the financial crisis, is considering creation of a regulatory commission to protect consumers of financial products such as credit cards and mortgages, according to administration and industry officials.

These officials said the administration has been exploring such an approach in meetings over the past few days with executives of the financial services industry.

The proposal could set off a turf war among federal agencies such as the Securities and Exchange Commis-

sion and the various bank regulatory agencies.

There was also a discussion of the proposal at a dinner Tuesday at the Treasury Department attended by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Lawrence Summers, director of the president's National Economic Council.

An administration official who confirmed that the dinner had taken place said no decisions had been reached.

Senate votes to ban arbitrary credit card rate hikes and certain fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — The credit card companies seem to have few friends on Capitol Hill these days, with even the most business-minded lawmakers siding with consumers in speaking out against steep rate hikes and fees.

The House was expected to pass, possibly as early as Wednesday, a bill that would enact sweeping new restrictions on the industry, including a requirement that customers penalized by higher interest rates because they missed a payment are given a chance to reclaim their lower rate after six months.

The Senate passed the bill Tuesday, 90-5.

"Card issuers raise rates for unclear reasons, use billing methods that consumers do not understand, and assign fees and charges without warning," said Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, the top Republican on the Senate Banking Committee.

President Barack Obama is expected to sign the bill into law. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner on Tuesday said the bill would "create a more fair, transparent and simple consumer credit market."

Ireland braces for results of probe into Catholic institutions' abuse

DUBLIN (AP) — A commission report into the abuse of thousands of Irish children in Roman Catholic institutions is published Wednesday after a nine-year investigation repeatedly delayed by church lawsuits, missing documentation and alleged government obstruction.

The Commission to Inquire Into Child Abuse will release a 2,575-page report in an attempt at a comprehensive portrait of sexual, physical and emotional damage inflicted on children consigned to the country's defunct network of reformatories,

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